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My dear Gots:

Thanks very much for the reprints.

Are you still working on the "mutant-specific bactericide"? Do you have any further information on its chemical structure? Is the effect antagonized by tryptophane?

My interest lies in the tie-in with the ability of some coli strains and not others to form L-colonies (colonies of protoplasts) in penicillin sucrose agar. If you can give me any further information on the system, and on the currency of your own concern with it, it would help me in planning my own further work.

Yours sincerely,

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